

## **SMALL AND EMERGING CDFI ASSISTANCE COMPONENT**

- ❖ Applicants for financial assistance **must** meet the following eligibility criteria **at the time** of application:
  - ✓ Legally exist (e.g., incorporated or chartered);
  - ✓ Be located in the United States or U.S. territory;
  - ✓ Never received an award letter from the CDFI Fund; and
  - ✓ Hold under \$5 million in total assets.
- ❖ Applicants **must** meet the following eligibility criteria **at the time** of application **OR** have a realistic plan to meet the criteria **within two years**:
  - ✓ Must be a nonprofit or for profit entity, **private**, non-governmental organization whose **primary mission** is to **provide loans or investments** in **underserved communities** or to **underserved people** and provides services that support financial transactions and is directly accountable to its community or to its customers.
- ❖ **Purpose of awards:**
  - ✓ Technical assistance grants may be used for purposes which enhance the capacity of the organization applying, including acquisition of technology, consulting services and training, but may **not** be used for operating expenses; and
  - ✓ Financial assistance awards (e.g., loans, grants, deposits, and equity) may be used for purposes which support the applicant's business plan, including operating expenses. Financial assistance awards must be matched by the applicant: \$1 CDFI Fund for \$1 non-Federal, comparable in form and value.
- ❖ **Award amounts:** A hard cap of \$150,000 for financial assistance and \$200,000 for total assistance, and a soft cap of \$50,000 for technical assistance.
- ❖ Banks and Bank Holding Companies or Federal Insured Deposit Institutions must have been chartered by the appropriate federal or state regulatory agency on or after November 27, 1997 **and** never received an award letter from the CDFI Fund.